

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated July 21, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 28-32.

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 33 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 28-32 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Prakash et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,119,113). Although Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution of the present application, claim 33 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, claims 28-32, are in condition for immediate allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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